

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Manabu KATO ) : Examiner: James Phan  
Appln. No.: 08/951,635 ) : Group Art Unit: 2872  
Filed: October 17, 1997 ) :  
For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS ) : September 7, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated March 7, 2006, by three months, from June 7, 2006, to September 7, 2006. Please charge the \$1020.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Official Action, reconsideration is earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks: